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WPS Energy Services, Inc.

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Docket No. 00-0199

Application for Certificate of Service Authority under Section 16-115 of the Public Utilities Act.

<u>APPLICATION</u>

WPS Energy Services, Inc. ("WPS-ESI"), hereby requests that the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission") grant it a certificate of service authority pursuant to Section 16-115 of the Public Utilities Act. In support of its application, Applicant states as follows:

General

- 1. WPS Energy Services, Inc. (WPS-ESI), is located at 677 Baeten Road, Green Bay, WI 54304
- 2. WPS-ESI is a wholly owned subsidiary of WPS Resources Corporation and is incorporated under the State of Wisconsin Business Corporation Law, Chapter 180. WPS-ESI's registered agent in the State of Illinois is CT Corporation System, located at 208 S. La Salle Street, Chicago, IL 60604.

Headquartered in Green Bay, WPS-ESI also has regional offices in Chicago, Illinois; Port Huron, Michigan; Traverse City, Michigan; Caribou, Maine; and Columbus, Ohio, where it does business as FSG Energy Services. WPS-ESI's Federal Employer Identification Number is 39-1802356.

3. The following persons may be contacted regarding issues related to this application and operation as an ARES:

Issues related to processing this application:

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Issues related to retail customers, including complaint resolution:

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Technical issues, including scheduling of generation, transmission, and distribution, and issues arising from relationships with other providers of electric services:

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- 4. WPS-ESI is licensed to do business in the State of Illinois, as demonstrated in Attachment A.
- WPS-ESI employees will not be installing, operating, or maintaining generation, transmission, or distribution facilities within the State of Illinois.
- 6. WPS-ESI offers power and energy supply services to wholesale and retail participants in the non-regulated energy marketplace. In addition, electric and natural gas marketing services, real-time energy management services, project management, and consulting services are offered.
- 7. Upon certification as an ARES, WPS-ESI intends to offer power and energy supply to serve only non-residential retail customers in the entire State of Illinois.
- WPS-ESI will serve non-residential retail customers with electrical demands of one megawatt or more.
- Attachment B includes a copy of the notification to each utility of the intent to serve customers in their service area.

10. WPS-ESI certifies that it:

a) will comply with all applicable Federal, State, regional and industry rules, practices, policies, procedures and tariffs for the use, operation, maintenance, safety, integrity, and reliability of the interconnected electric transmission system including the Open Access Same-time Information System (OASIS) mandated by 18 CFR 37 and the rules and operating guidelines and procedures of the regional or national electric reliability

- council(s) or organization(s) and their successors for any portion of the state in which the applicant is certified to provide retail electric service;
- will provide service only to retail customers that are eligible to take delivery services;
- will comply with informational and reporting requirements that the
 Commission may by rule establish;
- will comply with informational and reporting requirements that the
 Commission may establish regarding the provision of information required
 by Section 16-112 of the Act;
- e) complies with all other applicable laws and regulations and Commission rules and orders; and
- omplies with all terms and conditions required by Sections 115A(a), (b), and (9, 16-119, 16-123, 16-125(b) and (c), 16-127, and 16-128(a) of the Act, to the extent those Sections have application to the services being offered by the alternative retail electric supplier.
- 11. WPS-ESI agrees to submit good faith schedules of transmission and energy in accordance with applicable tariffs.
- 12. WPS-ESI agrees to adopt and follow rules and procedures ensuring that authorizations received from customers, customer billing records, and requests for delivery service transmitted to utilities are retained for a period of not less than two calendar years after the calendar year in which they were created.

- WPS-ESI agrees to adopt and follow rules and procedures to preserve the confidentiality of the customer's data.
- 14. WPS-ESI does not currently have authority from the Commission to be an ARES.

Reciprocity

15. The following companies are affiliates of WPS-ESI involved in electric retail sales or purchases in the North American continent.

Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WPSC) 700 North Adams P.O Box 19001 Green Bay, WI 54307-9001

Upper Peninsula Power Company (UPPCO) 600 Lakeshore Drive P.O. Box 130 Houghton, MI 49931

16. WPS-ESI certifies that it complies with Section 16-115(d)(5) of the Act [220 ILCS5/16-115(d)(5)], and that it will remain in compliance with such requirements and will annually certify such compliance to the Commission within 30 days after the anniversary date of its certification. A demonstration that Applicant is in compliance with Section 16-115(d)(5) of the Act is set forth in Attachment C.

Financial Qualifications

17. WPS-ESI meets the financial qualifications set forth in 83 III. Adm. Code 451.110, as demonstrated in Attachment D.

WPS-ESI is not seeking to provide electric power and energy that it generates with property, plant or equipment that it owns, controls or operates, and is deemed to possess sufficient financial resources (451 .110(c)(2)) to be certified as an ARES to serve only non-residential retail customers with maximum electrical demands of one megawatt or more as demonstrated by the borrowing agreement in Attachment E.

Technical Qualifications

18. WPS-ESI will not use electric generation, transmission or distribution facilities that it owns, controls or operates in serving customers. It meets the technical capability requirements of Section 451.120(b), as demonstrated in Attachment F, and currently operates a scheduling facility staffed for 24-hour operation for coordination with control centers of scheduling changes, reserve implementation, curtailment orders, and interruption plan implementation.

Managerial Qualifications

19. WPS-ESI meets the managerial qualifications set forth in 83 III. Adm. Code
451.130, as demonstrated by the personnel background information provided in
Attachment F. Attachment G contains a corporate leadership chart indicating the
positions of the persons who are being used to meet the requirements of 83 III.

Adm. Code 451.130.

20. WPS-ESI is not relying on one or more agents or contractors to meet the requirements of 83 III. Adm. Code 451.120 and 451.130.

Financial Qualifications for Single Billing Service

21. WPS-ESI does not intend to provide single billing services at this time.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that the Commission grant its application for service authority to serve retail customers with maximum electrical demands of one megawatt or more in the entire State of Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,

[Name of Applicant]

President, WPS Energy Services, Inc.

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF <u>Wisconsin</u>)
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) ss:

[the] [a(n)] [Applicant]; that he/she has read the foregoing Application of [Applicant], and all of the attachments accompanying and referred to within the Application; and that the statements contained in the Application and the attachments are true, correct and complete to the best of [her][his] knowledge, information and belief.

[Nat-he of person verifying application]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of FEBRUARY [year]. 2000

Margaret Orendorff
Notary Public

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